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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

**AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 1, please amend the "Related Cases" as follows:

This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of: copending Application Serial No. 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; International Application PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO Publication WO 00/75856; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.